



St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 15th March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.) 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 9.30am Mass
 11.30am Solemn Mass
 5.30pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 16th 7 & 10am Mass
 Lenten Feria

Tuesday 17th 7 & 10am Mass
 St Patrick, Bp, Patron of Ireland *

Wednesday 18th 10am Mass
 Lenten Feria (St Cyril of Jerusalem)

Thursday 19th 7 & 10am Mass
 St Joseph, Souse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our parish and of the Universal Church *

Friday 20th 7 & 10am Mass
 Lenten Feria

Saturday 21st 10am Mass
 Lenten Feria

OTHER SERVICES

Rosary: Monday- Saturday after the 10am Mass (except Thurs)

Eucharistic Adoration: **NB. Thurs for 1 hour after 10am Mass**

CONFESSIONS

Thursday: suspended temporarily
 Saturdays 10.30-11.30 & 5.15-5.45.

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 2

This Sun: Exodus 17:3-7;

Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

M. 2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30

T. 1 Peter 4:7-11; Luke 5:1-4 *

W. Deut 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Th. 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16; Romans 4:13,16-18,22; Matt 1:16,18-21,24 *

F. Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

S. Hosea 5:15 - 6:6; Luke 18:9-14

Next Sun: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13;

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

ROTAS Team 3 today;

Team 4 next Sun 22nd March

DAY WITH MARY, Sat 21st March, has been cancelled and postponed indefinitely.

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS PETER SMITH RIP

We were very saddened to hear about the passing of our dear, recently retired, Archbishop Peter Smith, last Friday 6th March. Please pray for the repose of his soul, and for comfort for the family he left behind. Please also remember Fr Philip Glandfield, his Private Secretary, who had the privilege of being by his bedside at the end. Details of his funeral on the noticeboard. *Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him. May He Rest In Peace. Amen.*

LENTEN CHARITIES 2020 (as agreed by the PPC)

Our chosen home charity is *The Bournemouth Oratory*, supporting their charitable work in feeding over 80 homeless and rough sleepers in the area daily.

Our overseas charities this year will be *Akanani* (Build together) and *Lerato* (Love) ecumenical projects initiated by the Tshwane Leadership Foundation (TLF). Both projects seek to address some of the social issues in the inner city of Pretoria, the Capital city of South Africa.

Our **2nd Collections** during Lent are all for these projects.

We have **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent - now after the 10am Mass **ONLY**. All are encouraged to attend.

NB. Fr Uche, the Parish Team & our Fayre Organisers have decided to postpone the Lenten Fayre, planned for this weekend. Donations still welcome.

NB. The Friday Lenten Lunches are also cancelled until further notice.

CONCERT BY THE GROVES SINGERS here at St Joseph's on Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm. Music to include pieces by Byrd, Bruckner, Howard Goodall plus a selection of spirituals. Tickets, costing £10 (£8 (concessions) to include a glass of wine/soft drink, will be available at the back of church this weekend, and on the day. Proceeds for our Lenten charities.

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH - THE REDEDICATION OF OUR LADY AS ENGLAND'S DOWRY. See back for more.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK: Sun (Sat) 6pm People of the Parish, 9.30 M & M O'Neill - Good Health, 11.30 Mrs Giglia Sprigge RIP, 5.30 Mr D Maharaj RIP; Mon. 7. Regina Sellammah RIP - 1st Anniv, 10. Antony & Mary Ann Bastiampillai RIP; Tue. 7. Terence Arthur Bagnall RIP, 10. Mary Ann Bastiampillai RIP; Wed. 10. Paul Dourado RIP; Thurs. 7. R & G Simmonds RIP, 10. Jovite & Juana Robles RIP; Fri. 7. Mary Fitzpatrick RIP, 10. Giuseppe Zannino RIP; Sat. 10. Alfonso & Diana Guillen RIP. Sun (Sat) 6pm People of the Parish, 9.30 Anna Piliro RIP, 11.30 Isabella Keddy RIP, 5.30 Stephen, Catherine & Patrick O'Connor RIP.

SHRINE LAMPS: Our Lady: Amanda's 70th Birthday T'giving; Mrs J Nagle RIP - Anniv Sacred Heart Thanksgiving - Mark St Joseph: Health and Peace for the World St Therese / St John Fisher: Van de Wiel Family; St Pius X: Archbishop Peter Smith RIP St Thomas More / St Anthony: Peggy Beard Recovery

In compliance with national guidelines to curb the spread of the Coronavirus, we are putting in place some adjustments, until further notice, to try and limit the spread of the virus: Holy Communion will be distributed under one kind only, hand-shaking or kissing at the sign of peace is strongly discouraged; the Holy Water stoups will be kept empty. The Mass Sheets will be for single use and are to be taken home after Mass and not left in church. There are hand-gels at the back of church and other areas PLEASE use them - ONE PUMP IS ENOUGH. The PC kitchen is closed until further notice, as is the Bookshop.

St Joseph's Presbytery & Parish Office

Fr Uche Njoku (Parish Priest): uchenjoku@rcaos.org.uk Deacon John-Simon Lawson: johnsimonlawson@rcaos.org.uk

Parish Secretary: Mrs Agnes Vella Parish Treasurer & Finance Office Director of Music: Mr Peter Morrell
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Safeguarding Rep: Mr Andrew Stables: 020 8942 7942 Caretakers: Oliver Patton; John O'Hara (contact via the Parish Office)

****PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 12.30pm - so weekday mornings are the best time to call****

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RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY

On 29th March 2020, the Bishops of England will formally rededicate our country as the Dowry of Mary. But why?

We might sometimes understand the word "dowry" to refer to a transaction, but in England a dowry was a gift given to a woman which would allow her to remain independent even if her husband died. It was in this sense of the word that **England was given to Our Lady**, first by an early English monarch and later in a tradition resurrected thanks to Pope Leo XIII and Cardinal Vaughan.

There is a tradition that the title 'Dowry of Mary' goes back to St Edward the Confessor (1042 – 1066). There is no doubt about the deep devotion to Our Lady that existed in medieval England, and the fame of Walsingham and other medieval English Shrines of Our Lady are a strong testimony to this devotion.

The first documentary evidence for the title was found in a painting which used to hang in the Hospice of St Thomas, which was the English Hospice for pilgrims in Rome, now the Venerable English College. It showed King Richard II (r. 1377-1399) and his consort Anne of Bohemia at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1381. They are praying at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pewe, offering England to Our Lady as Her Dowry. He holds a parchment with a Latin inscription: 'Dos tua pia haec est, quare leges, Maria' – This is your dowry, O Pious Virgin.

The re-dedication in 2020, unlike the dedication of King Richard II in 1381, will not be the gift of the country of England, but the personal gift of the faith of the people of England to the Mother of God, to seek her help in building a strong spiritual foundation for the New Evangelisation.

FOR APPOINTMENTS & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office **only during office hours** - see bottom of front page - unless it's an urgent matter. Any items for the **BULLETIN** need to be received by Tuesday at the very latest. Thank you.

WEDDINGS: Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

BAPTISMS: Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION: If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS: envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

WEBSITE: If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email: newmalDENparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk.

BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Dymphna on 07775 163693 for an appointment.

SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL): Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: SVPNewMalden@gmail.com. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know needs practical or spiritual help, giving both your details and those of the person/s concerned.

CANDLES IN CHURCH: Please **NEVER** leave lighted candles in church - **these are a fire hazard!** You can light only Votive Candles provided at the Shrines & for Adoration.

PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED when in church. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

Caretakers: Our two amazing caretakers, Oliver & John, who do an immeasurable amount of work to keep everything working and in place, are out of action for the foreseeable future. If there are any able-bodied people out there who feel they can offer some time to help with the general running of the Church Premises, however little or much it is, would you please contact the Parish Office.

Cleaners: As many of you may or may not know, our church is cleaned by a very small dedicated group of parishioners, who give up one hour a month of their time to keep it looking clean and beautiful. They are in urgent need of a boost, so please please do consider this seriously. The cleaning is done every Saturday from 8-9am, and we have 4 teams, so if there are enough people, you would only have to be there once a month.

Youth Club Helpers: Our Youth Club is currently struggling to survive as there are occasionally not enough male and female helpers available to viably run the club, which meets every fortnight at 6.30pm on Sundays. If you can spare one or two hours once a month, please consider volunteering for this very worthy service to our parish and especially the future of the Church.

New 9.30am Sunday Refreshment Co-ordinator urgently needed. Maura Davies, the current co-ordinator will be stepping down on Sunday 5th April. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please either contact Maura directly on 07854 302009 or contact Agnes in the Parish Office.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 4 Nights £529 - Deposit £250 - Single Supplement £75.00. Includes: Return flights, return transfers, 3* accommodation with breakfast and dinner daily, local guide and full programme. See poster at the back of church. Please book online at www.glowpilgrimages.com/medjugorjepilgrimages/heathrow/25thmay#, or arrange to collect a booking form from the parish office. More info on 0800 689 4792.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES - If you would like more information about either of the vacancies below, please go to www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

Marriage Tribunal Administrator – full time based in Tooting Bec, London SW17;
Safeguarding Office Administrator – based on the Cathedral site - London SE.